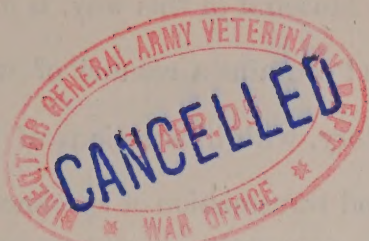


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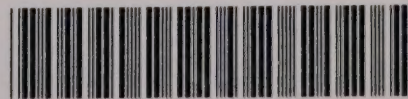
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BLOOD-SUCKING INSECTS AND TROPICAL DISEASES.

The importance of blood-sucking insects and other animals as possible disseminators of pathogenic organisms being now universally recognised, it is absolutely essential, firstly that medical men and others engaged in improving the sanitation of tropical countries should have the means of determining correctly the names of blood-sucking species with which they may come into contact; and secondly that a well-preserved collection of modern specimens should be available in London for comparison.

The British Museum has already dealt with the Mosquitoes and Tsetse-flies, and it is now proposed to publish on similar lines a further series of monographs on the other blood-sucking forms. The material at present at our disposal, however, is insufficient for this purpose, and it is therefore hoped that all medical men and naturalists residing in British Colonies, or in the tropics in any part of the world, will make special endeavours to obtain specimens and send them addressed to the DIRECTOR, BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY), CROMWELL ROAD, LONDON, S.W., together with notes on the names, habits, and distribution of the insects. This appeal is made especially to the medical officers of the Foreign and Colonial Services, to the medical officers of the Navy, Army, and Indian Services, and to all official representatives of H.M. Government in foreign parts.



The accompanying pamphlet, which has been prepared in order to assist those who may be willing to help the Museum in this way, is mainly devoted to the blood-sucking Flies (Diptera), and contains a résumé of what is known of their appearance, habits and life history, with illustrations of typical forms, and full directions as to the collection and transmission of specimens to England.

When a collection is despatched, a separate letter of advice stating the fact should always be sent; the expense of sending collections to the Museum, by parcel post or otherwise, will be refunded. All collections forwarded to the Museum and addressed as stated will promptly be acknowledged, and so soon as sufficient material has been obtained the preparation of the first monograph will be commenced.

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Director.

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